GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3166
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2003
CONDITION OF HEALTH IN INDIA
YEMPARALA VENKATESWARA RAO

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the report on health in India as pointed out in the Human Development Report;

(b) if so, the Government's observations thereto; and

(c) the projections as per the study conducted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The UNDP Report focuses on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which have been commonly accepted as a framework for measuring development progress. The health related goals which pertain to activities of D/o Health are combating Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and developing global partnership for development in order to ensure access to affordable essential drugs. Recognizing these areas of concern, the Government have set out goals for reducing mortality on account of malaria and tuberculosis and increasing access to affordable essential drugs and tackling the problem of HIV/AIDS. A statement giving the details of the health related MDGs along with Government`s projection in this regard are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)	GOALS OUTLINED BY THE GOVERNEMENT#
Goals 6 - Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases	Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.
Target 7: Have halted by 2015, and begun to reverse, the spread of HIV/AIDS	Achieve Zero level growth of HIV/AIDS by 2007
Target 8: Have halted by 2015, and begun to reverse, the incidence of malaria and other major diseases	Reduce mortality by 50% on account of Malaria and tuberculosis by 2010
Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development	Access to affordable essential drugs
Target 17: In co-operation with pharmaceutical companies, provide access to affordable, essential drugs in developing countries	An attempt would be made at reviving the primary health care system by providing some essential drugs under the Central government funding. Emphasis would be laid on building up an efficient and effective logistics system for the supply of drugs, vaccines & consumables based on need and utilization.

Incorporates goals listed in the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) & the National Health Policy (NHP) 2002.